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Senate

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The Senate met at 10 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, You deserve the honor, the glory, and the praise from our mortal lips, for You alone are omnipotent. Shine Your light upon the challenging path which our lawmakers must walk, dispelling the shadows of doubt and division. Lord, use our Senators as instruments of Your glory, keeping their faith strong as they trust You to order their steps and choreograph their destinies. May their labors bring solace to the needy, the marginalized, the lost, the lonely, and the least. Help them to remember that they are Your servants, called to serve Your purposes in their generation.

Lord, we ask Your special blessings on our new lawmaker Senator MARKEY as he is sworn in today.

We pray in Your sacred Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, the majority leader will be on the floor very briefly, but at this point I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, what is the business before the Senate?

The VICE PRESIDENT. The swearing in of the Senator from Massachusetts.

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate a Certificate of Election to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Senator John F. Kerry of Massachusetts. The certificate, the Chair is advised, is in the form suggested by the Senate. If there is no objection, the reading of the certificate will be waived and it will be printed in full in the RECORD.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, I know a lot of people want to say some real nice things about this good man, but we are going to have to do it later. We have a lot of things to do. As he will learn, the Senate is not always as punctual as the House. So all those who have these wonderful things to say about this good man, do it later.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the twenty-fifth day of June, two-thousand and thirteen Edward J. Markey was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a Senator for the unexpired term ending at noon on the third day of January, two thousand and fifteen, to fill the vacancy in the representation from said Commonwealth in the Senate of the United States caused by the resignation of Senator John F. Kerry.

Witness: His Excellency, the Governor, Deval L. Patrick, and our seal hereto affixed at Boston, this tenth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen.

By His Excellency, Governor

DEVAL PATRICK.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

[State Seal Affixed]

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The VICE PRESIDENT. If the Senator-designee will now present himself at the desk, the Chair will administer the oath of office.

The Senator-designee, escorted by Ms. WARREN and Mr. COWAN, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to him by the Vice President, and he subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senator.

(Applause.)

Mr. REID. Mr. President, what is the business before this body?

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY). The motion to proceed to S. 1238 is pending.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 1292

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I am told S. 1292 is due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1292) to prohibit the funding of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I object to this.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar under rule XIV.

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